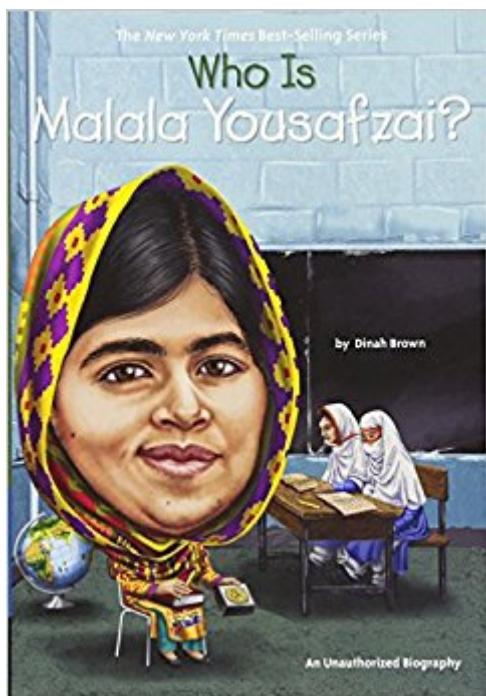


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# Who Is Malala Yousafzai? (Who Was?)



## **Synopsis**

Malala Yousafzai was a girl who loved to learn but was told that girls would no longer be allowed to go to school. She wrote a blog that called attention to what was happening in her beautiful corner of Pakistan and realized that words can bring about change. She has continued to speak out for the right of all children to have an education. In 2014 she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Who Is Malala Yousafzai? When Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH-lah yoo-sahf-ZIGH) was a little girl in Mingora, Pakistan, she decided to be a doctor when she grew up. She knew she would have to go to school for many years and study very hard. But Malala didn't mind at all. She loved everything about school. She loved reading. She loved history and geography and science. She loved studying religion. She enjoyed writing and reading stories aloud to her classmates. When her teacher talked about something new, she couldn't wait to learn more. Tests were difficult, but they were fun, too, especially when she had studied hard and knew the answers.

Then, when Malala was ten years old, her life changed. War came to Mingora, the city where she lived. A group of violent fighters called the Taliban had taken over her beloved Swat Valley. They were saying that girls would soon be stopped from going to school. Not boys. Just girls. The Taliban started destroying girls' schools. The Pakistan Army arrived to stop them. Mingora became a war zone. It was very dangerous. People were afraid to go out. Malala wondered how she could ever become a doctor if she wasn't allowed to learn. She wished there was something she could do to help keep her school open. Many were closed, and few students dared to go to the ones that were open. But Malala went to school every day. Malala spoke out. She told local newspapers that she was afraid the Taliban would close her school. She talked about how frightening her life had become. She said that more than anything, she wanted to go to school. Malala was becoming famous. People were talking about her. Some Taliban fighters learned her name and decided to take revenge. On October 9, 2012, two of them stopped her school bus. One walked around to the back and looked inside. Then he shot Malala. Malala Yousafzai was lucky to survive. She was flown to a hospital where she recovered. Did she stop speaking out? No. When she was better, she went on working for the right of all children to be educated. But she never stopped learning and studying and going to school. On July 12, 2013, she addressed hundreds of young people at the United Nations Youth Assembly in New York City. "So here I stand, one girl among many," she said. "I speak not for myself, but for all girls and boys. I raise up my voice not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard." Malala Yousafzai wanted one thing—an education. She spoke up, and people listened. Things began to change, little by little, until the whole world was listening.

This is an inspiring story about a brave young woman. Parents should know there is discussion of her being attacked and shot (of course), so be aware for younger or more sensitive readers. The reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 is that the writing style (and/or editing) doesn't flow well. The story starts when Malala is shot, then jumps back in time, jumps a bit forward, then a bit back... without clear indications of timeline until the end. It made the read frustrating. That said, my 11 year old said she noticed that a little in the beginning, but it didn't bother her for the rest of the book, and overall she really liked it. The overall tone of the book is uplifting and inspiring with a strong female at the center.

I am a teacher and I was going away on a 6 day field trip. I needed lesson plans for the few students

who were staying back. I didn't just want busy work; I wanted work that would enrich the education. I bought this book for my Jrs. They have a reading disability called dyslexia and this book seemed well in their independent reading level. I read the book and it was interesting and well written. I didn't give it 5 Stars because I felt they didn't add a few more exciting details about her life. If you buy this book, I would be glad to give you the questions the students had to answer while reading the book. The students really liked the book. I have bought more books from this company- George Washington- Black Beard and soon will buy Clara Barton. These books will be outside readers for my history class.

I bought this book for a biography project with a specific student in mind, anticipating that she would be intrigued by Malala. She was, and she enjoyed the book very much. The only thing that kept me from giving this book (and the others I bought in this series) 5 stars was the cover art. I teach intellectually talented third graders who sometimes hone in on details others would miss. Most of them were so distracted by the disproportionate heads that they hesitated to select the books at first. Once they got past the covers, they found the books very enjoyable.

My 3rd grade daughter chose this for her book report and presentation for "non-fiction/famous woman" theme. She loved the book. Malala's story was very accessible through this book and it dealt with serious issues in a completely appropriate way for their target age group. I'm glad they added her to this fantastic series.

Great Book in a great series. My 8 year old read it voraciously. Well written. So nice to read instead of books about vampire girls, fairies, or girls with magic powers. Malala has real powers. Powers for good.

I use this series in my junior high classroom. They were flipping through and were thrilled to read a story about one of the "characters" that was still alive, from present day. Malala's story is told in a way that conveys the seriousness of her actions (and potential repercussions) while not being so dark it scares off more sensitive readers. It's a great book for a classroom. Highly recommend.

I was so happy to find this book for my young readers. I have read about Malala and wanted to find something appropriate for my kinder and 2nd grader to learn about her. This is perfect! The pictures keep them interested without actually being a "picture book."

My daughters are facinated with Malala and the many challenges & obstacles she has overcome and continues to fight for in regard to the rights of girls to be educated equally to boys. They were adopted from another country, and they have chronic health conditions that they deal with, but they are honor roll students and continuously strive to learn and do their best. Malala is an incredible role model for school aged girls! It is a compassionate and enlightening easy reading book I think anyone would find heartwarming.

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